



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: A8038

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For: MILLING HEAD FOR USE IN PLACING A VERTEBRAL DISC DEVICE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please substitute the attached amended specification.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claim 51 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 80, 81, and 121 as follows:

80. (amended) The device of claim 68, wherein at least one of said first and second milling surfaces of said form is convex.